

SCOTT COUNTY KICKER.
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IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT.
From the St. Louis Star.
The new Socialist Mayor of Beatrice, Neb., who drove a delivery wagon at \$10 a week prior to his election, says: "If some of the smart people who think they have managed the city's affairs so well in the past will step aside, refrain from trying to thwart my plans and give me a chance to make good, I promise an administration where economy is applied, and I will neither sell nor give away the people's rights." What an ideal state of affairs it would be if a city could have a Mayor it could just let alone—and be sure he would neither sell nor give away the people's rights."

FROM THE SOUTHEAST
Peter Swain and Harris Bissel are in jail at Farmington charged with the murder of J. J. Taylor, an inmate of the Farmington insane asylum where these young men were attendants. When accused of mistreating Taylor they pled guilty to common assault were given a small fine, which they paid and left town—leaving their future address at the postoffice as Hastings, Nevada. When Taylor died they were arrested at Hastings. They say they are not guilty of beating Taylor, but after they had been accused and arrested they had been guilty to common assault as the easiest way out, as they had no one to go on their bond and they didn't want to go to jail. Peter is the son of James Swain of Morley, and Harris is the son of the late Wm. Bissel—a former superintendent of our poor farm. His mother lives at Morley.

The Socialists contend that most accidents are due to defective machinery used because it cuts down dividends to get new. Last week a Frisco train ran wild out of Campbell to St. Francis—a distance of four miles. Strange to say no damage was done. The train had been put away for the night. The engine is worn out and has a defective throttle. The fire was knocked out, but there was 120 pounds of steam which leaked and forced the throttle open, cut back the engine, with baggage car and coach attached and no one aboard. At a switch the train jumped from its own to the Cotton Belt track and, at full speed, went to St. Francis before it stopped.

Petitions are being circulated in New Madrid county asking the county court to order an election to vote on the proposition of building a new court house and jail. Why don't they do it in Scott county—where the assessment and bond and build it and save the expense of an election? It may be a little gain the intent of the law, but what does that matter?

On July 3, last year, two negroes were lynched at Charleston, J. S. White, charged with being the leader of the mob, was acquitted last week. The judge dismissed the case after hearing the evidence. Three others were indicted for participating in the mob, but since they had no evidence against the alleged leader, they will not likely have any against the others.

SUBS FOR APRIL.
The Kicker has been so crowded that no room was left to tell how the subs were coming in. So far it is about the same as a year ago. We got 94 in April, 1910. So far we have 75 as follows:

- Benton—Thos. Turner, Wm. Urage, A. H. Adams, Chas. Vogt, Dr. Wade.
- Oran—Joe Pfefferkorn, James Sellers, Joe Melderhoff, Leo Grojean, S. P. Abbot, Wm. Reeves.
- Vanduser—Levi Painter, John E. Dabbs, L. O. Williams, G. W. Layton, Henry Abshier, A. P. Fant.
- Morley—John Cook, Mrs. L. M. Nations, W. T. Wilson, W. A. Begas.
- Kelso—F. W. Brenette, Peter Welter.
- Commerce—Alex. Hughes.
- Sikeston—W. H. Barnes, Joe W. Moore, L. C. Love, Ed. Brummitt.
- Blodgett—J. H. Bradley, John Collins, J. T. Schneider, Jacob Welter, R. W. Cason, L. G. Crafton.
- New Hamburg—Martin Glas-tetter, Joe Compas, P. J. Hahn.
- Mrs. Louis Hahn.
- Diehlstadt—J. W. Elkins.
- Bleda—Lawrence Hahn.
- Chaffee—A. B. Rush, W. V. Miller Crowder—J. J. Acord.
- Illmo—W. M. Malugen.
- J. O. Darter, Garden City; C. P. Stanley, Doniphan; Jim Phipkins, Shipley; S. A. Gentry, Randles; James Beagle, Clarkton; Julia High, St. Louis; G. W. Church, Canolou; N. G. Hopper, Cape; Alonzo Nigh, Ivanhoe, Oklahoma; Ernest Martin, Willard, Ill.; Chas. Mueller, Oglesby, Texas; J. W. Hamlin, Pitman, Ark.; J. C. Richardson, Humbolt, Tenn.
- M. L. Vandye, Nashville, Ark.; J. M. Crow, Henson, Mo.

MARRIAGE LICENSE
Charles Miller, Sikeston.
Miss Bessie Simmons, Sikeston.
Marvin V. Daugherty, Morley.
Miss Zeda James, Blodgett.
J. O. Bobou, Morley.
Miss Mary E. Layton, Morley.
Chas. Mowery, Benton.
Miss Lena Cannon, Benton.
Warren M. Conley, Sikeston.
Miss Lora H. Cutrell, Sikeston.
Walter Chitty, Farnfeld.
Miss Emma Foster, Farnfeld.
Shelly Floy, McMullin.
Mrs. Mary McDaniel McMullin.

CIRCUIT COURT DOINGS
The April term of circuit court convened Monday. Owing to the late arrival of Judge Farris nothing was done until afternoon. Following are the petit jurors: Andy Bechel, John Heeb, Peter Welter, John Matthews, Harry Smith, Thos. Matthews, B. J. Ellis, L. A. Reynolds, Web Peil, Milton Cope, Wm. English, Wm. Legrand, W. J. Lambert, Sol. Hahn, C. W. Cannon, Josh Hutton, J. E. Hailer, E. Abshier, C. T. Harris, John Beckman.

The charges of felonious assault against Wm. Singleton and W. N. Walpole were dismissed, as were also the charges of seductions against Thomas Finley and Henry Burkhardt.

Ten of the prisoners in the jail were brought over in batches of five, and the regularity with which they refused counsel and pled guilty caused comment. On the day before the church choir had called to sing and pray for them, and it may be that this awaken their better nature to a point where they felt that an open confession is good for the soul. Capitalism is great when it comes to saving the souls of men—even if their bodies starve. The men who will make profits for the shoe and leather trust, and other trusts that have factories at Jefferson City worked by prison labor, are George Willis, Wm. McGee, Chas. Mack, Arthur White, Harvey May, Otto and Sam Diden, Ed. Henry, Jim Osgood and Ed. Manning.

These are all young men and, from an off-hand observation appear to range in age from 18 to 30 years and have not the appearance of criminals. All save Manning sinned against the sacred rights of property. Yet the combined stealings of these unfortunates would not equal the legalized graft that is sometimes turned out at a single whiff of the Appropriation Machine. Having no money, there was no escape for them. Each got 2 years, and why should they want to escape? In the evening they sang in jail. A workman came aboard and seemed to envy them. "They are happier than I am," he said. "Why shouldn't they be? Those men are sure of a job and feel for 18 months; you are not," was my reply. And he agreed.

John Johnson, impersonating an officer, continued. Harley Smith, plea of guilty to common assault, fined \$1. George Williams, a negro held on charge of robbery, concluded that he would not plead guilty, the court appointed counsel, who pleaded guilty for him. He got three years.

W. T. Pate who, with Miss Belt of Oran, was arrested in St. Louis last summer, pled guilty to "taking female for prostitution," and was given three years.

George Church pled guilty to maintaining a gambling house and was fined \$50. He ought to have called his place of business "Stock Exchange" of "Board of Trade."

John Hahn has moved his saw mill to Wm. Essner's place. There was a big barn-raising at Theo. Diebold's last week. Leo Glastetter of DeRay visited his brother Martin Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Heuring entertained friends Monday. There was a log-rolling at Albert Blattel's Monday.

FROM CHAFFEE
Robt. Morris attended church at New Hamburg Sunday and Adam Hailer was there Thursday.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Texarkana where Frank Kuhn, a former New Hamburg boy, is on the police force has changed administrations. According to the Texarkana Courier the new chief of police said: "Officers Lummas and Kuhn are both good men, true and tried, and have proven their ability on more than one occasion. It gives me pleasure to retain such men, and with their valuable assistance I feel sure that the interests of Texarkana will be looked after in a satisfactory way."

FROM FARNFELD
Miss Croft of East Prairie was here last week looking for a school to teach. J. B. Finley and daughter, of Oran, were here Tuesday.

FROM MACEDONIA
There was a mistake in our items last week, the correspondent made, about the entertainment. It will be Saturday night April 22, at our church house. Everybody come.

FROM CROOKED CREEK.
Mrs. Robert Taylor and Miss Bertie Daugherty of Macedonia visited at Henry Sanders Wednesday of last week.

METHODIST RIDGE.
Mrs. John Canham entertained a number of her friends Sunday. Fish was served for dinner and all had a nice time.

FROM ELLIS DISTRICT
Alex. Burger invited quite a number of his friends and neighbors to attend the social given at his home Monday evening. A large crowd was present. The young folks enjoyed themselves in dancing. When Mr. Burger does anything he does it right.

FROM MOUNT ZION
Earl Bennet and Mother of near Charleston visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Buchanan Sunday.

FROM OWENSBY
Miss Thelma Finley spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Finley, of Oran. Friday evening Miss Thelma entertained her scholars with an Easter egg hunt and all enjoyed it.

FROM BUCKEYE
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel McKenney, and a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Smith. No race suicide here.

FROM TANNER
The Crumpacker & Murry dredge boat in the Baker ditch has started up and the boat in the Ash slough ditch is almost here.

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SOME GOOD JOKES.
To one who understands capitalist legislation, the laws enacted to appear as beneficial to the masses appear as huge jokes.

DIDN'T NEED BRAINS.
By E. N. Richardson.
The incident I shall relate is said to be true. Perhaps it is and perhaps it isn't. I don't know; I tell it as I heard it. A workman was hit by a train. His head was badly cut and his brains fell out.

FROM BROOKS JUNCTION
Glen Brewster and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. Sharp, Sunday. And Mr. and Mrs. Blackman visited Mr. and Mrs. Stacy.

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